

THSMF FAMILY TIMES



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August 2019



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 8/01: Respect for Parents Day
- 8/02: National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 8/03: National Watermelon Day
- 8/04: American Family Day
- 8/10: Smores Day
- 8/11: Play in the Sand Day
- 8/13: International Left-Hander's Day
- 8/15: National Relaxation Day
- 8/20: National Radio Day
- 8/25: Kiss and Make Up Day
- 8/25: National Banana Split Day
- 8/28: Dream Day

We have had recent events that resulted in visitation being cancelled on the weekends. Please feel free to call Police Services at 205-462-4555 to inquire about visitation before driving to the facility.

- Your comments are important to us. Next time you visit, please take a few moments to fill out a "Family/Friend Questionnaire." The questionnaires are on yellow paper and are kept in a wood holder in our lobby. If you need assistance locating one, let us know and we will help you out. The questionnaire has twelve questions and will only take a few minutes to complete. Your feedback helps us to improve on what we do and how we do it.

Rights Highlight:

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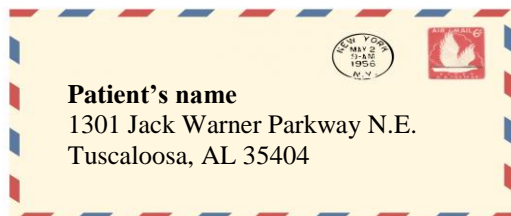
Labor: Our patients should not be forced to perform work for which they are not adequately compensated. Taylor Hardin does not have a work program. Patients are required to clean their rooms or living area without being paid.

Family Education classes meet from 10 – 11:30 a.m. on the 3rd Friday in February, March, May, June, August, September, and November. The Advocacy Meeting is held in January, April, July, and October at the same time. Visitation begins at 11:30AM for those attending the meetings.

Our Family Education Class is all about providing education and support to you – our families. We want you to feel comfortable to come to class, to ask questions or to just sit quietly and listen. We use different tools (handouts, videos, discussion) during the classes to provide the best learning environment. We want to help you learn more about mental health and THSMF.

Sending Mail?

Family members may send greeting cards or letters. Money orders or personal checks can be mailed directly to the Business Office for deposit to your family member's account. Family members are not allowed to send packages.



If you have any questions or concerns about your loved one's care & treatment, safety, or a medical condition that may require immediate assessment or care, please let staff know immediately.



Have a question or comment about the newsletter? Contact Lori Ellard, LICSW by phone at 205-462-4650 or by email at Lori.Ellard@hardin.mh.alabama.gov



Visitation Reminders:

- All visitors must be pre-approved;
- One drink item and one food item only and both items must be purchased from the THSMF vending machines;
- Bring pictured identification if over the age of 16.
- No cell phones, umbrellas, coats, bags, tobacco products, weapons, lighters, allowed.
- You will be asked to clear the metal detector prior to entering the visitation area
- Once entering the visitation area, you will not be allowed to exit and re-enter.
- Special visits must be requested at least seven days in advance of the desired visit date.

Passing unacceptable items to a patient at Taylor Hardin is “promoting contraband”, and can be illegal, just as it would be in jail. Unacceptable items include tobacco, tobacco products, lighters, medications, street drugs, money (including coins), pens and other sharp items, alcohol, cell phones, and anything else labeled as contraband.

Any visitor who assists or attempts to assist in escape plans, schemes for creating disorder, or passes or attempts to pass any unacceptable item will not be allowed further visits and will be subject to criminal action.